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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN TRADE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES:  
ACTIONS TO DATE

REF: A. STATE 096416 (NOTAL)

B. STATE 077387 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: THIS IS THE FIRST OF FOUR TELEGRAMS GIVING  
OUR ASSESSMENT OF AUSTRALIAN TRADE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES TO  
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DATE, AS REQUESTED REFS A AND B. PRESENT CABLE LAYS OUT

ALL ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE SINCE JULY 1974, BORKEN DOWN BY BILATERAL EXPORT RESTRAINTS, TARIFF QUOTAS, QUOTA RESTRICTION, AND INCREASED TARIFF RATES. WE ALSO LIST CASES IN WHICH DECISION NOT TO TAKE ACTION REACHED, AS WELL AS PENDING CASES. THIS COMPILATION INDEED GIVES IMPRESSION OF WHOLESAL RESORT TO UNILATERAL TRADE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES. TARIFF QUOTAS HAVE BEEN APPLIED ON 20 CLASSES OF GOODS, ALL SINCE DECEMBER 1974 WHEN PM WHITLAM ANNOUNCED "NEW IMPORT POLICY". QR'S IMPOSED IN SIX CASES, INCLUDING SOME BIG ONES SUCH AS FOOTWEAR, STEEL SHEETS, AND MOTOR VEHICLES. DUTY RATES HAVE BEEN INCREASED OVERALL IN THREE CASES, AND THERE ARE AT THIS MOMENT AT LEAST 21 CLASSES OF GOODS EITHER AWAITING REFERRAL FOR STUDY, COMPLETION OF STUDIES, OR GOA DECISION ON STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS. IN ONLY FOUR CASES HAS A DECISION BEEN REACHED TO TAKE NO ACTION. SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAMS WILL DISCUSS (A) AUSTRALIAN RATIONALE FOR MEASURES, (B) IMPACT ON US EXPORTS, AND (C) OUTLOOK FOR AUSTRALIAN TRADE POLICY. IN PARAGRAPHS THAT FOLLOW ALL MONEY VALUES ARE IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS (\$A1.00 EQUALS \$US1.34) AND ALL DATES LEFT IN AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM (DAY, MONTH, YEAR). END SUMMARY

## 2. BILATERAL EXPORT RESTRAINTS.

A. HONG KONG. ANNOUNCED 9 AUGUST 1974. COVERS WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS OF APPAREL, KNITTED AND WOVEN. PROVIDES FOR "STABILIZATION IN TERMS OF LEVELS OF TRADE ESTABLISHED IN 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 APRIL 1974" FOR 80 PCT. OF IMPORTS, DETAILED SURVEILLANCE OF BALANCE. ARRANGEMENTS TO CONTINUE TO 30 JUNE 1975 AND RENEWABLE AT AUSTRALIAN INITIATIVE FROM THAT DATE.

B. INDIA. ANNOUNCED 4 SEPTEMBER 1974. COVERS WOVEN BLOUSES, SHIRTS, AND WOVEN DRESSES. IMPORTS "STABILIZED" IN SAME TERMS AS HONG KIONG.

C. PRC. ANNOUNCED 4 SEPTEMBER 1974. COVERS KNITTED CHILDRENS TRACK SUITS, ROMPER SUITS AND PLAY SUITS. ALSO PROVIDES FOR CONSULTATIONS AND SURVEILLANCE ON KNITTED OUTERWEAR SHIRTS, OTHER KNITTED GARMENTS. SAME "STABILIZATION " ARRANGEMENT AS ABOVE.  
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D. SOUTH KOREA. ANNOUNCED 2 DECEMBER 1974. APPLIES TO KNITTED JUMPERS, CARDIGANS, SHIRTS, AND DRESSES. LIMITS TOTAL IMPORTS DURING 1975 TO 2.811 MILLION GARMENTS. OTHER KNITWEAR TO BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW.

E. TAIWAN. IMPORT LICENSING CONTROLS APPLIED UNILATERALLY IN JULY 1974 TO IMPORTS OF KNITWEAR GOODS FROM TAIWAN.

E. TARIFF QUOTAS.

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS. COLUMN 1. GOODS; COLUMN 2. DURATION OF  
QUOTAS; COLUMN 3. LEVEL OF IMPORTS SHOWING LEVEL FOR MARCH  
1972 AND APRIL 1973; COLUMN 4. QUOTA LEVEL AND COLUMN  
5. ADDITIONAL DUTY FOR EXCESS:

A.1. ACRYLIC APPAREL YARNS ('000 KG.)

2. 3-12-74 TO 3-12-75  
3. 3/72 JA 2638 4/73 - 2970  
4. 1772  
5. \$4/KG.

B.1. KNITTED OR CHROCHETED FABRICS OF M-M FIBRES ('000KG.)

2. 3-12-74 TO 3-12-75  
3. 3/72 - 3296 4/73 - 4654  
4. 3155  
5. \$2/SQ.M.

C.1. TERRY TOWELLING ('000 SQ.M.)

2. 3-12-74 TO 3-12-75  
3. 3/72 - 2392 4/73 - 5344  
4. 2788  
5. \$2/SQ.M.

D.1. WOVEN M-M FIBER FABRICS ('000 SQ.YD.)

2. UP TO 2 YRS FROM 9-12-74  
3. 3/72 - 65,940 4/73 - 86,628  
4. 21,207 (FIRST YEAR)  
5. 40 PCT PLUS 30 CENTS/SQ.M.

E.1. POLYAMIDE AND POLYESTER YARS ('000 KG.)

2. UP TO 2 YRS. FROM 9-12-74  
3. 3/72 - 6251 4/73 - 9590  
4. 100 PCT OF 3/72 LEVEL (FIRST YEAR)  
5. 15 PCT. PLUS \$2/KG. (PROCESSED) 15 PCT. PLUS \$1/KG. (RAW)  
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F.1. BRASSIERES ('000 UNITSL

2. UP TO 2 YRS. FROM 9-12-74  
3. 3/72 - 2112 4/73 - 3036  
4. 2660 (FIRST YEAR)  
5. TO 31-12-75 42 PCT. PLUS \$2.50 EA. TO 31-12-76 35 PCT.  
PLUS \$2.50 EA.

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G. 1. MEN'S AND BOY'S SHIRTS ('000 JNITS)

2. 1-1-75 TO 31-12-76

3. 3/72 - 5501 4/73 - 6704

4. '75-4500 '76-8500

5. \$9/KG.

H.1. MENS AND BOYS WOVEN PAJAMAS AND NIGHTWEAR ('000 UNITS)

2. 1-1-75 TO 31-12-76

3. 3/72 - 876 4/73 1188

4. '75-800 '76-1200

5. \$9/KG.

I.1. MENS, YOUTHS AND BOYS SUITS ('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

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3. 3/72 - 45 4/73 - 97

4. 45

5. \$25/SUIT

J.1. MENS, YOUTHS AND BOYS COATS (OTHER THAN SKI JACKETS,  
ETC.) ('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 123 4/73 - 242

4. 200

5. \$15/GARMENT

K.1. MENS, YOUTHS AND BOYS SHORTS

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 440 4/73 - 548

4. 800

5. \$8/UNIT

L.1. WOVEN GIRLS, INFANTS OUTERGARMENTS (EXC SWIMWEAR)  
('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. N/A

4. 6000

5. \$12/KG.

M.1. KNITTED DRESSING GOWNS ('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 129 4/73 - 188

4. 120

5. \$9/GARMENT

N. SWIMWEAR (DOZEN)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 31,250 4/73 - 91,417

4. 50,000

5. \$4/GARMENT

O.1. DIAPERS (DOZEN)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. N/A

4. 50,000

5. \$1/SQ.M.

P.1. DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL REFRIGERATORS 200-454 LITERS  
('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. E/72 - 32 4/73 - 96

4. 20

5. 22.5 PCT

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Q.1. DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL REFERATORS  
MORE THAN 454 LITERS

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - LESS THAN 500 4/73 - 3000

4. 2500

5. 17.5 PCT.

R.1. DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL CLOTHES-DRYERS ('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 19 4/73 - 112

4. 70

5. 20 PCT

S.1. ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINES

2. 12 MOS FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 52 4/73 - 75

4. 20

5. 15 PCT

T.1. BALLBEARINGS ('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 3185 4/73 5630

4. 2000

5. 20 PCT.

4. QUOTA RESTRICTIONS (NOTE: NO FIFTH COLUMN TO THIS GROUP)

A.1. FOOTWEAR (MILLION PRS.)

2. 1-10-74 TO 30-9-76

3. 3/72 - 12.6 4/73 - 22.1

4. 15.6 (TO 30-9-75) 18.2 (TO 30-9-76)

B.1. MOTOR VEHICLES ('000 UNITS)

2. 1-2-75 TO 31-1-76

3. 3/72 - 46 (CARS) 16 (TRUCKS 4/73 94 (CARS) 21 (TRUCKS)

4. 90 (CARS) TRUCKS UP TO 1974 LEVEL

C.1. SHEETS AND PLATES OF IRON AND STEEL ('000 TONS)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-1-75

3. 3/72 - 102.3 (1972) 4/73 - 173.5 (1973)

4. 69 (APPROX. I.E. 25 PCT. OF 72-73 TWO YEAR TOTAL)

D.1. OPHTHALMIC FRAMES ('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 671 (EST.) 4/73 936 (EST.)

4. 702

E.1. SUNGLASSES ('000 UNITS)

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2. 12 MOS. FROM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 1972 4/73 - 2168

4. 1843

F.1. SUNGLASS FRAMES ('000 UNITS)

2. 12 MOS. FOM 1-3-75

3. 3/72 - 280 4/73 - 824

4. 618

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#### 5. TARIFF INCREASES

A. INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES. RATE INCREASED BY 14 PCT. TO 55 PCT., RATE IN EFFECT BEFORE JULY 1973 25 PCT. CUT. EFFECTIVE JAN. 8, 1975 UNTIL THREE MONTHS AFTER IAC REPORT ON LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY COMPLETED AROUND MID-75.

B. MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES. RATE INCREASED BY 10 PCT. OR 10 CENTS PER KG., WHICHEVER HIGHER, BRINGING GENERAL RATE TO 25 PCT. OR 27 CENTS PER KG., WHICHEVER HIGHER. EFFECTIVE JAN. 14, 1975.

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C. MONOCHROME TV RECEIVERS AND PICTURE TUBES WITH SCREEN SIZE NOT LESS THAN 17 INCHES; AND CERTAIN OTHER ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (CAPACITORS, FERRITE CORES, LOUD-

SPEAKERS, ETC.). RATE INCREASED BY 10 PCT. TO 45 PCT.  
ENTIRE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY UNDER LONG-TERM STUDY BY IAC.

6. NO ACTION. IN THE FOLLOWING CASES THE TAA HAS  
RECOMMENDED THAT NO URGENT ACTION REQUIRED, AND GOA HAS  
ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATION. IN MOST INSTANCES ITEMS IN  
QUESTION WERE REFERRED TO IAC FOR LONG-TERM STUDY.

- A. COLOR TV RECEIVERS
- B. CHAIN SAWS AND CHAIN SAW ENGINES
- C. FINE PAPERS
- D. ARTIFICIAL PLASTIC GOODS OR ARTIFICIAL PLASTIC  
IMPREGNATED, COATED, COVERED OR LAMINATED GOODS.

7. PENDING CASES. THESE ARE ITEMS FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (DMI) HAS RECEIVED A  
REQUEST FOR PROTECTION BUT WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN REFERRED  
TO THE TAA OR THE TA; CASES STILL UNDER STUDY BY THE LATTER  
TWO AUTHORITIES; OR CASES WHERE REPORTS ARE COMPLETED BUT  
GOA DECISIONS NOT YET ANNOUNCED.

A. PENDING WITH DMI. TIME SWITCHES; PLYWOOD; NON-ADJUSTABLE  
WRENCHES; SLIDE AND MOVI PROJECTORS; CERTAIN SPORTING GOODS;  
LEATHER BICYCLE SADDLES; LUGGAGE, GOLF BAGS AND  
PERSONAL LEATHER GOODS; RESILIENT FLOOR COVERINGS;  
CERAMIC TABLEWARE; AIR CONDITIONERS AND EVAPORATIVE  
AIR COOLERS; SYRINGES AND NEEDLES; ABRASIVE PRODUCTS;

B. PENDING WITH TAA OR TA. BAGS AND SACKS OF M-M FIBRES  
(OVERDUE); CERTAIN YARNS AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS (COTTON  
YARNS AND SHEETINGS, WOOLEN AND WORSTED FABRICS, BLANKETS,  
DENIMS, ETC., OVERDUE); KNITWEAR AND OTHER ITEMS OF  
APPAREL (OVERDUE); AND TABLE AND KITCHEN GLASS WARE AND  
FLAT GLASS (DUE MID-MAY).

C. REPORTS COMPLETED, DECISIONS PENDING. TEXTILE FLOOR  
COVERINGS. WE UNDERSTAND DECISION ON THIS LONG OVERDUE  
CASE DELAYED BY CONSIDERATIONS OF EFFECT RESTRAINT MEASURES  
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WOULD HAVE ON NEW ZEALAND-AUSTRALIAN FREE TRADE ARRANGEMENT.  
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